GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:431
ANSWERED ON:25.04.2000
NAXALITE PROBLEM
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY;PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to deal with the Naxalite problem as a National Problem and not only a State level or Inter-State problem;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the funds, drugs, training and weapons etc. to the Naxalite groups are being provided by ISI;

(e) if so, the details in this regard and the action taken by the Government in the matter;

(f) the number of persons/security personnel killed by the Naxalites in various States during each of the last three years till now, separately; (g) whether various States have put pressure on Union Government to adopt Foreign technology in anti-naxalite operations; (h) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto; (i) whether the Union Government have recently convened a meeting of Chief Ministers of various Naxalite affected States;(j) if so, the details of the agenda discussed there at; and (k) the outcome thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI L.K.ADVANI)

(a)to(k): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.431 FOR ANSWER ON 25.4.2000 TA
BY DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY AND SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL REGARDING NAXALITE PROBLEM.

(a) to (c) : `Public Order` and `Police` are State subjects.In the circumstances, the concerned State Governments have to devise various measures and take concerete steps to curb left wing extremist activities in the States. However, keeping in view the over all dimensions, which left wing extremism has assumed in some States, it has become a matter of concern for the Central Government as well. We have, therefore, set up a high level Coordination Centre, headed by the Union Home Secretary with Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Police of the seriously affected States, as its members, to review and coordinate steps taken by theseStates to check the left extremist activities, monitor the plan of action in respect of each State and to make recommendations both on development and security aspects of the problem. The Coordination Centre has been meeting periodically. Several important decisions such as providing financial support from the Centre for combating left wing extremist activities, construction/improvement of identified critical roads, preparation of plans for development of affected areas to tackle the problem in a holistic manner, sharing of intelligence inputs on constant basis, providing assistance of para-military forces on need basis etc., have also been taken and effectively followed-up.

(d)&(e): There are no confirmed reports to this effect.

(f): As per available information, the number of persons/security personnel killed by naxalites in various States during each of the last three years till now is as under:-

State	1997	1998	1999	2000 (upto March)
Andhra Pradesh	234	205	151	40
Bihar	325	206	378	80
Madhya Pradesh	14	59	47	28
Maharashtra	9	13	15	2
Orissa	-	5	-	1

(g)&(h): For upgrading the striking capability of the State Police Forces, certain requests have been received, which include modern weapons, communication equipments, surveillance system and other equipment etc. These have been met to the extent possible. The Central Government is providing financial assistance to the affected States under scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces as well as by way of reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure.

(i), (j) and (k): The Union Home Minister convened a meeting of the Chief Ministers of the States affeected by left wing extremism on 4.4.2000. In the meeting, it was agreed that while the Centre would continue to extend all possible assistance to the States in intelligence sharing, Security Related Expenditure, training needs of police personnel etc., the States concerned must continue their efforts towards focussed inter-State coordination, ground level intelligence gathering, in depth analysis of problem areas, greater thrust on all areas of responsive administration including placement of very dedicated and sincere administrative hands in trouble prone areas, socio-economic measures to cater to the needs of the poorer segments and redressal of people`s grievances. It was also agreed that police forces of affected States should undertake joint operations.